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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



GEORGE BLANCHARD
GOVERNOR



ISAAC GIBSON
LT. GOVERNOR



MICHELLE LOPEZ
SECRETARY



KATHY DEERE
TREASURER



JEFFREY GIBSON
REPRESENTATIVE

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Tribal members:

On April 28, 2011, I, and the other members of the Executive Committee received a letter from Ewell Longhorn stating his concerns about building permanent structures (a Casino) on Tribal Trust land (the Tribal Complex). This new Casino is being built pursuant to a resolution passed by the Executive Committee (E-AS-2007-40) authorizing The Development of a Tribal Casino on the Tribal Complex for the purpose of expansion of Gaming Activities. This resolution was passed unanimously, and yes, Mr. Longhorn did vote YES. Mr. Longhorn evidently thought this was a great idea, or he would have voted NO. Did he think the new Casino would be a temporary, or Mobile Casino? It only seems feasible that the facility would be permanent.

Mr. Longhorn's next concern was about the financing for the project. His concern was that TEC Inc. secured the \$4,250,000 loan with the Tribes gaming revenues. As any educated person is aware, when you apply for a loan, and especially one of this size, you **MUST SHOW THE ABILITY TO REPAY THE LOAN.**

This is done by securing the loan with collateral. Tribal property and permanent assets cannot be used as collateral, therefore the only collateral available are liquid assets (cash flow, and revenue). The only other alternative is to remain stagnate, do not try to expand, do not try to move forward and provide better services to Tribal members. As our Tribe grows in numbers, our cash flow must grow also, or services to Tribal members must be reduced.

Mr. Longhorn's next concern is whether TEC was authorized to enter into a loan agreement with Mass Development to finance the new Casino. Executive Resolution E-AS- 2010-77 does give TEC Inc. the authorization to construct a new Gaming Facility on the Tribal Complex per Mr. Longhorn's resolution E-AS-2007-40, and to initiate an agreement for financing the project. The Executive Committee passed this resolution with the expectation that TEC Inc. would keep them advised of progress reports of these negotiations, and as Shareholders Representatives, their opinions would at least be considered. TEC Inc. did not keep the Executive Committee informed in any way as to the progress of the financing process, and although members of the Executive

Committee repeatedly asked for updates and details of the project, absolutely NO INFORMATION was forth coming from TEC Inc. or the Managers of Gaming operations. The Executive Committee was repeatedly told that plans, architectural designs, permits, loan documents, etc. were still in the process of being drawn up. The Executive Committee was not advised that a loan agreement was finalized by TEC Inc. and Mass Development until work was already underway on the project. Although Secretary Michelle Lopez is a member of the TEC Inc. board of directors, the Executive Committee was not aware that the financing was finalized until TEC Inc. had already made substantial advances on the financing, and the project was well under way. Although the loan agreement was signed and finalized on September 30, 2010, and several attempts were made to acquire details from TEC Inc., and Alyssa Campbell of L.A.I.C. LLP, I was not able to receive these documents until March of 2011.

It is my opinion that TEC Inc. under the guidance of Alyssa Campbell did intentionally misrepresent and withhold vital information from the Shareholders and Shareholders Representatives. After reading the loan

documents, it is my opinion that the reason for such secrecy pertaining to the loan documents is that if the Executive Committee was informed of all the details of this agreement, a directive would have been made requiring further negotiations prior to finalization of the agreement. Although it was not, in my opinion, illegal for TEC Inc. and Ms. Campbell to operate in this manner, it WAS highly unethical and disrespectful on their part. I do not believe TEC Inc., and all associated with the board of directors of TEC Inc. functioned in the best interest of the Tribe, and steps will be taken to remove them if at all possible.

Mr. Longhorn expressed concern that no Executive resolution exists that authorizes the creation of TEC Inc. That is correct, TEC Inc. was formed under the Absentee Shawnee Corporation Ordinance, and according to the AST Attorney General's office no resolution is required to form a Tribal Corporation.

Mr. Longhorn's next concern is the debt incurred by Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health Inc. Mr. Longhorn's first concern is that the Tribe waived its Sovereign Immunity while absolutely and unconditionally guarantying to make all payments due on the \$26 Million loan. This was a limited waiver of Sovereign Immunity pertaining to the Medical Equipment and Clinic assets purchased with the loan monies for the JOINT VENTURE CLINIC only. As Mr. Longhorn must be aware, since he is by his own admission well schooled in the banking business, this is a standard procedure in business loans of this nature. These assets are not legally Tribal or Corporate assets until the loan is paid in full. (This is just like buying your home, it is not 100 percent yours until the mortgage is paid in full). Even then, the lender is restricted to placing a lien on the assets, not repossessing them.

Since IHS Compact funds, gaming revenues, gaming assets, and trust assets are excluded, it is unclear to me which significant Tribal assets are at risk with this loan. Mr. Longhorn didn't explain this, so maybe he is unclear also, or, maybe there are no significant assets at risk.

This loan did not mortgage, encumber, or endanger any existing tribal properties, holdings, or assets, therefore Mr. Longhorn's accusation the Article V of the Tribal Constitution was violated are not only misleading to Tribal members, but untrue as well.

Respectfully,

George Blanchard

LT. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members,

First, I want to apologize to all the departments who might of submitted articles or time sensitive information in last month's newsletter. It was I who held up the print and distribution date of the newsletter due to the fact that I wanted to include the decision that was made by Judge Reeh, Interior Department Probate Judge, in the case between the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and the Potawatomi Tribe. This decision, which was in our favor, was a decisive definition of our tribal sovereignty as to governing our AST trust allotments. Through the efforts of staff, direction of the Executive Members and the support of the tribal members at court, were we able to be victorious in this case. I felt that this information needed to be made available to our tribal members as soon as possible, therefore, that was the reason for the delay of last month's newsletter.

Secondly, the date for the run-of election will soon be upon us. With that, I encourage each eligible voter of our tribe to exercise their voting privileges.

As the weather has gotten nicer over the past few weeks, we have increased our outside projects and are making every attempt to show progress for all to see and be proud of. The grass cutting has started, renovations at Brendle Corner will be starting soon, a Peebly Road project is in the process, and we are negotiating a road project in the Johnson Community along with a few other projects. These are just some of the things our office is trying to accomplish during the upcoming months. As we begin and make progress, better details will be given as to keep the tribal members informed.

As the weather warms construction will start and we will be very busy. The priorities are (1). AST Complex – Casino; (2). Newalla, Lindsey (Brendle Corner); (3). Kings Road – this will be a joint effort between the Tribe and Potawatomie County; (4). Peebly – this will be a joint effort between the Tribe and Cleveland County.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Michelle Lopez a fond farewell and say what an experience it was to work with her as fellow Executive Committee members. I appreciated the fact that we were able to work together for the betterment of our tribe. I wish her good luck in her future.

For any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact my office. Either I or someone from my staff will be glad to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

/s/
Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello Tribal members, I would like to start off by saying this has been a long journey for me. I started out as a house keeper and moved to the finance department as Reception/file clerk, Accounts Payable assistant and then on to the Secretary's office as Enrollment clerk/ Clothing and Burial Specialist. It was then that I decided to run for office of Secretary and with much surprise I won. That's when I realized it's harder than people think. All the problems you have to deal with and the unkind comments that tribal members give you, really make it hard to feel that you have done any good for the tribe and its members. I did my best in the position of Secretary for the four years I was in office but to no prevail did I get what I wanted done before I left office. I tried the whole four years in office to get the roles cleaned up and was unsuccessful due to the EC not wanting to change any ones blood quantum due to the fact that someone was kin to them or they were afraid that they wouldn't receive any votes on the next election. It's very difficult to get someone's blood quantum changed if they are related to an EC member. So with the EC members refusing to correct the blood quantum's it was very hard to uphold my constitutional duties. I feel like if you were elected to do a job then no matter if your kin to that person or not it's up to you to do that job.

I was elected to do a job and that is what I have tried to do in my terms in office and I apologize for not getting anything done to the roles. It will be up to the next Secretary and good luck with that. I would however like

to thank the Enrollment staff for all of their hard work and for following the rules even though they were not able to do their jobs either. They still did what they were supposed to do according to the Enrollment ordinance. I appreciate it and hope that one day you will be able to do your jobs to get the roles cleaned up.

My assistant Jerry Ann Knox for serving our tribe for Thirteen years doing the Meetings and all the Minutes, she has been very dedicated to her job and has done an excellent job for the tribe.

I would like to mention a thank you to the Attorneys that have worked for the tribe. I for one know it's hard to please all of the members and EC at the same time. I really appreciate your hard work and would like to show all tribal members a list of accomplishment's that your firm has done for this tribe and just maybe the tribal members will be more appreciative to you and your firm. Following my news letter will be a list of accomplishments that the current AG's office has brought to this tribe.

I would like to mention that in the eleven and half years here at the tribe I have come to know many co-workers and friends. I would like to thank all of my co-workers for giving their all for our tribe and supporting me in all that I have accomplished.

I feel good about what I have been able to do in these years of serving the tribe and its members. I have helped a lot of people and have helped get some new Economic Development started. So all is not lost in the terms I have been in office. I would like to wish the tribe and its member's great prosperity and good luck with all endeavors.

Secretary Michelle Armstrong-Lopez

LAIC - AG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Attorney General's Office has at least a 95% prosecution success rate
- Investigated and are prosecuting fraud found in the Court Clerk's office
- Successfully negotiated a settlement in the ASEDA v. ASDG, Don Frick lawsuit that saved the Tribe a significant amount of money in legal fees
- Provided legal services in conjunction with other attorneys in the Lynch dram shop case that ultimately led to the Tribe and Thunderbird Casino being granted summary judgment (winning the case)
- Along with other employees, provided hundreds of hours of research and preparation on the IRS tax audits of the Tribe and Casino that ultimately resulted in savings of millions to the Tribe and Casino
- With the assistance of Executive Committee members and staff have drafted key pieces of legislation, including but not limited to: (just to name a few)
 - o Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance
 - o Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act
 - o Revisions to the Gaming Ordinance
 - o Revisions to the criminal code, including a Controlled Substance Act

- *Provided hundreds of hours, negotiating, drafting and reviewing documents for the \$26 million Joint Venture project financing, bond structure, and corporate structure which by having this done internally saved the Tribe hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees*
- *Served as the Tribal prosecutor in juvenile cases protecting Tribal children*
- *Won a declaratory action against the Election Commission*
- *Represented the Tribe in several actions in the Tribal Court*
- *Defended the Tribe's constitution in the Tribal Court*
- *Defended and won numerous unemployment cases to save the Tribe money*
- *Cut the cost of legal services to the Tribe by approximately 75%*
- *Provided free legal advice to numerous tribal members on personal legal issues*
- *Drafted wills and Powers of Attorney at no cost to tribal members*
- *Negotiated with Cleveland*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Blessings to all Tribal Members, Hope all is well with you and yours! Remember to cast your vote in the election on Saturday, June 18th or hopefully you got your absentee ballot sent in by May 29, 2011. This is your time to exercise your right as a tribal member.

67th Annual General Council was well attended by tribal members and we appreciate you taking the time out to attend. We would like to thank the Elders for providing the meal it was delicious. Office of Treasurer had a booth and hopes you received a gift of either a calculator or coffee mug and received handouts of various financial documentation. Want to thank the ALLNations bank for providing a booth for handouts of services that your tribal bank provides and the raffles of four (4) savings accounts. ASEDA (ASEDA FLEET) had a booth and we hope you received information about the new business ASEDA has started.

*Office of Treasurer has been busy with executive committee and special called meetings; we have been having at least 2 meetings a month due to the new tribal members' enrollments, informal mtgs, emails, numerous calls, and visits see below list:
Attended monthly Program Directors/Managers meeting*

Attended the Monthly AST Health Board of Directors Meeting as Ad Hoc non-voting member

Attended an interview panel for Executive Director of Health

Attended Special called Executive Committee Meeting for new enrollees about 270+

Attended on May 19th, Grand Opening of ALLNations Bank.

*Congratulations to Executive Committee's Employee of Month May Winner, Johnnie Mae Bettleyoun
2010 Audit should be completed in May 2011*

We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. Enjoy your Memorial Weekend and this is the time the outside Pow Wows begin and May God bless you and yours! See below articles from AllNations Bank; ASEDA (ASEDA FLEET), Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder; and Finance Department.

*Respectively,
Kathy Deere, Treasurer*

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance office continues our efforts in keeping the day to day activities flowing efficiently and effectively through communication between the Finance office and Programs. In working together, we have found the most time effective and cost effective processes for transacting business.

Our 2010 Audit is at the final stages of completion. It began February 28, 2011. The estimated completion date is April 2011 or mid May 2011 and will include the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis). The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2010 Audit; which is a brief review and explanation of the Audit. The Finance staff is working on the April reconciliations for financial reporting. The Audit should be an "unqualified" audit; which when compared to an educational grading scale would be an A; but this we will not be known until the audit is complete.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2012 will be prepared as soon as the 2010 audit is complete. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011. The finance department continues to

complete accounting by the seventh day of the month and have been since August 2010; so that financial reports can be created for the Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. boards for health programs both Shawnee and Little Axe.

It is imperative the accounting / bookkeeping continue to stay ahead of all of the accounting so that audits go smoothly so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date as well. Indirect cost proposals cannot be submitted without completed audits as the audits are used to calculate the proposal.

There are many processes in place in your Tribe's accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records of transactions. The Tribe's accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA and I H S, 51 Grants, and the new Clinic business.

The AST Finance department recently took on the ASED A accounting for the ASED A board of directors and will be handling the accounting going forward including the ASED A Fleet, the newest business endeavor for the ASED A board; it is an honor and pleasure to handle this duty for you (the Tribal Membership), AST Tribal Executive Committee, and the ASED A board.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them, the Treasurer's office and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

This department, as always, would like to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive

Committee for providing the tools, resources and support to enable the finance staff to reach its accomplished goals and to continue with this effort. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our group effort toward accomplishing our goal. Now that we are caught up, we are dedicated to continue our efforts in this direction.

If you have any questions or needs, please call 405-275-4030 ext 162 and I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Respectfully,
Belinda Collins, Controller

ALLNATIONS BANK

Hello to All of Our Absentee Shawnee Tribe Friends

ALLNATIONS BANK IS INVITING EVERYONE TO THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR SHAWNEE BRANCH. OUR GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION WILL BE EACH DAY DURING THE WEEK OF MONDAY MAY 16TH THROUGH THURSDAY MAY 19TH! AN OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD EACH DAY FROM 9 TO 5. COME BY TO MEET THE STAFF AND TO REGISTER FOR LOTS OF PRIZES. THE DRAWING OF THE GRAND PRIZE, A 42 IN. FLAT SCREEN TV WILL BE ON THURSDAY THE 19TH AFTER A 1:30 RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WITH THE SHAWNEE AND TECUMSEH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. THE BANK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE AT THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY.

IT'S GOING TO BE A GRAND TIME FOR ALL, SO DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDER.

One of the bank's most popular products is our small business loan package. A free checking account with the best interest rates in town has made this product a true winner. Our lending staff has helped many small business enterprises to realize their dreams. We offer a lot of business coaching to help our borrowers to maneuver through the challenges of owning and operating a small business. Drop by and visit with Gene Davis; he is looking forward to helping you with your small business needs.

The bank is also interested in lending money to large business entities. Lending demand has been "soft" for the last

couple of years due to the uncertainty of the economy. Now that our economy is starting to move again, this would be a great time to drop by and visit with Gene about refinancing company debt at very complete rates.

Personal loans such as car loans, boat loans, or any other personal type loans are made every day with some of the best rates in town. Come by and get pre-approved and avoid the "hassle" of being qualified for financing when you visit the car dealership. Give us a chance to help you with your next car purchase.

AllNations Bank has been helping the people of Canadian County with their lending needs for over 100 years. We would now like to do the same for the citizens of Pottawatomie County. If it's agriculture, personal or business lending, or lending counseling we have the skill set to make a difference. So, to our friends of The Absentee Shawnee Tribe, let us help you.

We are looking forward to meeting each of you at the Grand Opening! The coffee is on!

Bob, Gene, Eugene and Staff

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT'S CORNER

"In My Corner"

Hello Tribal Members

The turn-out of our 67th Semi-Annual General Council Meeting, Little Axe Resource Center, April 16, 2011, provided an opportunity for Office of Treasurer to distribute handouts of financial information Revenue and Expenses (Unaudited) for January – December 2010 year end, Finance Department Flow Chart, Indirect Cost Flow Chart and a copy of the amended Constitution. ALLNATIONS Bank and our newest tribal business venture ASEDA FLEET joined our booth area.

I have been involved in review and participated in the following financial related activities:

*Shawnee Economic Development Foundation (SEDF):
Scheduled a meeting with Tim Burg, CEcD, Executive Director, of Shawnee Economic Development Foundation. Purpose of meeting develop a business relationship and partnership with SEDF, which has been absent for years with the Tribe.*

*Greater Area Shawnee Chamber of Commerce:
Scheduled a meeting with Nancy Keith, President & CEO, Greater Area Shawnee Chamber of Commerce. Purpose of meeting to build and develop a working relationship and promote marketing of businesses for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.*

*AllNations Bank:
Assisted and provided publicity information of various Tribal Leaders, Native News Media and local resources to Gene Davis, Chairman/*

CEO of AllNations Bank in an effort of getting word out for the ribbon cutting and Grand Opening scheduled May 19th.

*Redstone Investments:
Controller and I held a monthly investment account review by conference call with Michael Kelley, President LPL Financial Advisor.*

*Office of Treasurer:
Monitored and reviewed month ended financial encumbrance reports.*

*Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc.
Attended monthly board and strategy development meeting of future business ventures.*

*Central National Bank Payroll Card:
Instrumental in requesting Central National Bank of Enid, Oklahoma to prepare a presentation to Executive Committee, Controller and Human Resources Department on benefits of utilizing a payroll card which is basically a pre-paid preloaded debit card.*

If you were unable to pick up our financial handouts and are interested in copies, please call me at 405.275.4030 ext 148, we will accommodate your request.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Eddie Brokeshoulder
Financial Consultant*

ASEDA

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1. ASEDA FLEET Inc. was formed under the Absentee Shawnee Corporation Ordinance, and is wholly owned by ASEDA Inc. No Tribal funds have been spent regarding this enterprise. This in turn, is wholly owned by The Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

2. It is the ASEDA board's goal to finalize some very viable business opportunities that will prove to be beneficial to ASEDA and the Tribe by the end of this summer.

3. The ASEDA board has received several business proposals, and is awaiting the formal proposals before presenting them to the Executive Committee for perusal. No action will be taken without their input and approval of the Executive Committee.

4. Will continue to provide information monthly about ASEDA Fleet and other business ventures.

NEWS FLASH: Received the first payment from David Thomas (Collaborative Partner, Park Lease of Plano, Texas) from the sale of two police cars to the Turkish Embassy. At this time, negotiations are ongoing with nine (9) Tribes to replace their vehicle fleets, and several very large corporations. For a brand new company, ASEDAFLEET Inc. is moving forward satisfactorily.

If you would like more information, email, call or come by the office and we are located at Tribal Complex, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Bldg 2, Shawnee, OK 74801. Office Phone ASEDAFLEET.com

*Respectively,
ASEDA Board Members: Dan Little
Axe, Adam Proctor, and Lyndale Waller*

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Hello Tribal Members it will almost be one year since I have been in office by the time you receive this article and I want to say it has been a positive year moving in a Direction that I believe is a positive move for the Executive Committee that is in Office at the moment. We the Executive Committee have been communicating and working together very Graciously and responding to everyday Business for the Tribe in a wonderful way and I'm glad to say it has been an honor to work with you Executive Committee at the present time. I know the Election for Governor and Secretary are at hand and I want to say Good luck to all that is Running for office...Keep in mind please come into this environment with an open mind and good heart cause that is what it's going to take to work close with the existing Committee, We all express our opinions in a professional manner and hope that it continues in that fashion it makes working together a positive experience not just with me but all of us because we are here not for ourselves but for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and I hope all that read this realize that without the Absentee Shawnee tribal Citizens we wouldn't have a job! So respect each tribal member with the utmost respect no matter the age cause we are all special...again it has been a good first year and honor to work for the Absentee Shawnee tribe of Oklahoma....

NE-YA-WA

Representative

Jeff Gibson



TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT
RIGHTS OFFICE

The AST TERO has been very busy, especially in the last 2-3 weeks. The wildfires that ravaged central Oklahoma 6 weeks ago, burned down the Harrah smokeshop. AST TERO working with Belfor and AST maintenance provided the workforce to clean up the burn site. This was a good example of the Tribe utilizing their workforce, tribal programs and departments working together for the betterment of the tribe and its people.

AST TERO is still working with Nabholz, the construction managers, and its subcontractors in getting tribal people on these work crews at the building of the new Little Axe clinic. And AST TERO is working with J.L. Walker Construction for the construction of the new 14,000 sq ft casino in front of the Tribal campus.

AST TERO has been busy meeting with all contractors and subcontractors connected with both of these projects. Contractors come into the AST TERO office, meet with TERO director and the work crews are negotiated, using the AST workforce.

Again it is important that everyone, Indian and non-Indian, come into the TERO office and get signed. AST TERO is looking for all trades skilled and unskilled.

Resolutions

The following are Resolutions passed during the month of March 2011

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-11-29 04/20/11
Authorizes and approves the purchase of Bill Bayliss land, legally described as 820 S 374-M, Long Man Allotment, 1/1 surface rights and surface rights only in the S/2 S/2 NE/ NE/4 NE/4 of Section 18, Township 09 North, Range 1 East of the Indian Meridian, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, containing 2.50 acres, more or less, at a negotiated and authorizing and approving the appropriation of funds from the revenue of Thunderbird Casino for said purchase.

E-AS-11-30 04/20/11
Authorizes a Tribal Transportation Improvement Maintenance Plan for the routes designated as Peebly Route 8824, Little Axe Complex, Route Number 8898, and the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex Route Number 8898.

E-AS-11-31 04/20/11
Supports the Sac and Fox Nation in their opposition of a proposed interchange at Interstate 40 and Bryan Street, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma as proposed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

E-AS-11-32 04/20/11
Approves and accepts Thaddeus Ethan Alford, Skylar Dean Cooksey Lewis, Cierra Dawn Lewis, Katlyn Hope Cooksey Lewis, Jon Paul Gower, Kara Joe Gouge, Ashlynn Jean Gouge, Ma-

rissa Janell Gouge, Goodchief Justice Martinez, Bryleigh Marie Harjo, Daniel Clayton Leedom, Zackery Dene Jones, Samuel Lee Allen Sabre Harris, Rebecca Rose Lillie Harris, Norman Neal Blanchard II, Norah Gisele Blanchard, Jessica Lyn Ellis and Shelby Ann Bethell as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-11-33 04/20/11
Grants voluntary relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Larry Otis Coffee provided that he is accepted into the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma.

E-AS-11-34 04/20/11
Authorizing, adopting and approving the submission of an application to the administration of Native Americans Social Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) Program and in connection with such application, does resolve and make assurances that all efforts and documents are in compliance with any and all program requirements.

E-AS-11-35 04/20/11
Authorizing and approving a change in the Administrative Systems Manual located in Chapter III, Section 13 Part C and in Chapter III Section 13 Part L Subpart IV regarding the Tribe's travel regulations and guidelines, effective November 1, 2010. (Per diem and mileage reimbursement)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

L-AS-11-04 04/20/11
Amends the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Criminal Code to add Sections 541, 542, and 543 as provided for in attachment "Exhibit A", EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. (Regarding the manufacturing and distribution of drugs and drug paraphernalia)

The following are Resolutions passed during the month of May 2011

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-11-36 05/04/11
Approving the granting of an easement on the tribal complex in favor of Oklahoma Gas And Electric Company, and authorizing Governor George Blanchard as signature authority to execute the easement, effective immediately.

E-AS-11-37 05/04/11
Approves and accepts Justin Doyle Westberry, Hayley Morgan Westberry, Casey Lydale Westberry, Amanda Lejean Westberry, Kylee Brooke Hibdon, Konner Brian Hibdon, Taryn MacKenzie Thornhill, Adrian Miguel Starr, Kailas Dail Mack, Riley Dean Garretson, Cody Ronald Garretson, Nathaniel Konrad Irvin, Benjamin Raymond Irvin, Brian James Lowe, Justin James Lowe, Charles Jake Kilraine Lowe, Braylon James Lowe, Aariah MaRae Lowe, Trenton James Lowe, Destenie DeAnne McMillen, Audrey Catherine Sung-Hee Lee, James Stacey Chung-Sun Lee, Christopher Ashton Lee, Tristan John Brown, Moira Colleen Ryan, Cullen Patrick Ryan, Talia Sharee Haumpy, Tacie A'lize Haumpy, Ladarius Eugene Boyd, Xavier Tyrik Boyd, Jasey Belle Engledowl, Alexia Michelle Engledowl, Susan Kay Koontz, Gary Lee Ozeretny, Adilynn Magnolia Wilson, Asa Lynch Wilson, Ja-leigh Renee Tolbert, Jayvaughn Charles Tolbert, Jayana Laneis Watkins, Jalyne Alexis Watkins, John Wendall Gage Parke, Michael Houston Kilmer, Cheyenne LaShell Kilmer, Brittany Michelle Kilmer, Kayla Marlene Kilmer, Brandon Keith Kilmer, Ethan Allen Kilmer, Victor Shane Lowe and Derek Thomas Morlan as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-11-38 05/04/11
Approves the reappointment to the Ab-

sentee Shawnee Foster Care Licensing Committee of Annette Wilson for a three (3) year term effective March 20, 2011 and expiring March 20, 2014.

E-AS-11-39 05/04/11
Authorizes and re-appoints Donna Jones to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Tax Commission for a two (2) year term, effective April 14, 2011 and expiring April 14, 2013.

E-AS-11-40 05/04/11
Authorizes and re-appoints Janie Floyd as a member of the Absentee Shawnee Tax Board of Commissioners for a two (2) year term, effective April 14, 2011 and expiring April 14, 2013.

E-AS-11-41 05/04/11
Authorizes, adopts and approves the submission of an application to the Administration for Children and Families, Family Violence Prevention and Services/Grants for Domestic Violence Shelters/Grants to Native American Tribes (Including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal Organizations with the authority pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 10409, and further authorizing such approval for submission for the entirety of the fiscal year 2011 and continuing until the Year 2016.

E-AS-11-42 05/18/11
Directs the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Southern Plains Regional Office, Branch of Transportation to compile the required documentation and submit the document to the BIA, Central Office for additions to the Tribe's current IRR Inventory.

E-AS-11-43 05/18/11
Amends AST Resolution No. E-AS-2011-13, in which the Tribe authorizes not more than Twenty Five Percent (25%) of the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Transportation Budget, be allocated to an IRR Roads Maintenance Line Item, within the BIA Transportation Budget.

E-AS-11-44 05/18/11

Authorizes the submission of a Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan to be placed on the Bureau of Indian Affairs Control Schedule with a construction need of one (1) for FY 2010 and 2011.

E-AS-11-45 05/18/11

Approves and accepts Colton James Scott, Salvatore Westbrook Anania, Tyson Riley Wenholm, Casey Andrew Wenholm, Lacey Alexandra Williams, Melanie Rochelle Leedom, Jace Gabriel Masquas, Gavan Wayne Spybuck, Darrell Wayne Burnett, Ryan Jennings Berry, Shane Tecumseh Berry, Hudson Kennedy Siemon, Makayla Lynn Morton, Teddy Lynn Fontenot, Joshua Dwight Littlecreek, and Jade Marie Littlecreek as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-11-46 05/18/11

Approves the re-appointment of Tresha Spoon for a (2) two year term expiring March 20, 2013 to the Absentee Shawnee Foster Care Licensing Committee.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

L-AS-11-05 05/18/11

Rescinds Resolution L-AS-2008-45 effective immediately; and authorizes and approves Becky Prewett, Procurement Officer Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma the use of a corporate credit card for business purposes only with a credit limit of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00), effective immediately.

L-AS-11-06 05/18/11

Rescinds Resolution L-AS-2010-20 effective immediately; and authorizes and approves a corporate G.S.A. Smart Card with a credit limit of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for the Procurement Department of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and authorizing Becky Prewett, Procurement Officer to use same for the purpose of preparing conference and travel arrangements for the Tribe, effective

Platinum Rainmakers

THUNDER MEDICAL'S COLLABORATIVE PLATFORM IMPROVES HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN UNDERSERVED AMERICA

Financially sustainable health care for rural America has escalated into an epic-level challenge. According to Indian Health Services (IHS), compared to urban dwellers, tribes face 750 percent more tuberculosis-related deaths, 550 percent higher incidents of alcoholism, and 90 percent more diabetes. Rural (non-Tribal) regions, home for more than 20 percent of America's population (about 6.14 million people), do not fare much better. Nearly 50 percent of rural residents have at least one major chronic illness and suffer from more traumatic injuries that result in higher risks of death than urban market populations.

A team of best-in-class specialists launched Thunder Medical, LLC, to enable these underserved communities to access and develop financially sustainable healthcare. The company's proprietary approach applies a six-part strategy platform ([see graphic](#)) to reduce facility construction 28%, increase collections 20%, optimize buying power for medical supplies and improve profitability by as much as 35%.

Thunder is a Native American-owned, Oklahoma-based company. The firm serves as a single source healthcare performance-improvement resource for remote market clinics and hospitals. One call connects its customers with best-in-class providers who share Thunder Medical's commitment to address the *unique* medical service needs of rural markets to ensure sustained financial feasibility. More details about the firm can be found at www.thundermedical.com or by contacting their office at 214-789-7045.

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FINANCING	BUILDING	EQUIPPING	STAFFING	OPERATING	EDUCATING
Capital sources to fund either new or expanded facilities rural & tribal.	Flexibility to build temporary or permanent; mobile & modular medical facilities.	Option to purchase supplies by box vs crate to reduce inventory expenses.	PA hiring source at 50% lower recruiting fees.	Baldrige 'best' practices to drive operational efficiency and profitability up to 35%.	Easy access to wellness education designed to reduce costly preventable diseases, which make up 70 percent-plus of all illnesses.
Introduction of new business that generates the economic growth to fund area jobs and healthcare improvement.	Durable modular clinics meeting all brick and mortar requirements for 28% less cost.	Access to best-in-class national contracts.	Proprietary screening assessment tool to ensure a 92% 'fit' rate.	Revenue-improving billing methods.	A portable EMR card to provide immediate access to records in an emergency.
Backing for TED (Tribal Economic Development) bonds.	World-class operating theatres to serve community needs & generate revenue.	RX sample support.	Skype interviewing for overseas physician candidates.	Enhance claim management system to increase collections 20%.	A cell phone application solution to change health behavioral patterns of the young (ages 10-24) to reduce the risk of their developing certain chronic diseases in adulthood. Growing empirical evidence notes well designed youth development interventions can lead to positive [health] outcomes.
Merchant account services to reduce processing fees 15% to 35%.	Only mobile facilities that meet requirements for State Licensure, Medicare Certification and JCAHO Accreditation.	A 99% fill rate to ensure next day delivery even in remote markets.	Same day nationwide search capabilities for PAs.		
Lease, finance & warranties for medical equipment.	Our proven solution field tested for 15 years, world-wide. US government and military hospitals as well as private/public for-profit and non-profit institutions.	2% purchase discount with exclusive credit card.	Substantive time and resource savings for HR.		
		Single source for pharmacy, medical, surgical supplies.			

**If you are a
Native American Farmer**
or the heir of one who was denied a
USDA farm loan or loan servicing
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**You can get up to \$50,000 or more from
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FROM THE ELECTION

Tribal Members:

Please remember to vote for the candidate of your choice at the Run Off Election to be held on **Saturday, June 18, 2011**. The polling places are located at the Police Department on the Tribal Complex and at the AST Resource Center located in Little Axe. The voting times are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at both locations.

The candidates are as follows:

For the office of

Governor:

George Blanchard

Ewell Longhorn

For the office of

Tribal Secretary:

Leonard Longhorn

Teri Reed (Teresa White)



Please tear off →

BALLOT

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS: Cast your vote by placing a [X] or [✓] mark in the box next to the candidate of your choice for each office.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GOVERNOR

George Blanchard.....[]

Ewell Longhorn[]

SECRETARY

Leonard Longhorn.....[]

Teri Reed (Teresa White).....[]

TERI REED (TERESA WHITE) FOR SECRETARY



Fellow Tribal Members:

My name is Teri Reed (Teresa White). I hope that you will allow me to serve you as your next tribal Secretary. I feel that I am qualified for this position and that I can be an advocate for some positive changes for our tribe.

Since announcing my candidacy for this position, I've been pleased that some tribal members have contacted me to ask questions, to let me know about their concerns, or to voice their support of my candidacy. I've met some new friends and renewed some old acquaintances. I appreciate the input that I have received and I plan to continue to seek out opinions that will help shape my insight to the problems and concerns of tribal members.

The question I get most often is about providing jobs for tribal members. This is an important issue and I am all for making AST jobs available to tribal members on a priority basis. I like what we're doing with T.E.R.O. I believe in providing adequate training /retraining to AST employees as necessary. I do not believe that tribal members should be retained in those positions if their job performance is below satisfactory levels. I do not believe that the Executive Committee should provide specific job related information about any individuals' job performance to anyone else (inside or outside of the tribe) unless we have authorization from that

person. I feel like we should be more active in helping tribal members attain non-AST jobs through partnerships with private corporations or with other tribes. If elected, I would like to help with this type of initiative, even though this might be outside of the responsibilities of the Secretary's office.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

As an elected official of our tribe, I want to focus on:

Improving the financial health and future well being of our tribe so that all tribal members benefit, regardless of where they reside

Strengthen and improve our services to the elders

Seek out and provide work opportunities for those who can/want to work

Provide more educational incentives for our youth, our future leaders

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

I have an extensive background in the business and corporate world. I was an executive for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for 27 years. During that time I held a lot of different jobs.

Business Office Area Manager – Supervised a workforce of over 90 employees including 6 managers

Certified Trainer and Instructor – Traveled all over the state training employees on statistical data analysis, team building, leadership skills and problem solving

Corporate Trouble Shooter and Consultant – Lead work teams all over the country who were working on multi-million dollar projects. It was my job to come in and analyze their data, determine their problems, and get them organized to make significant changes
President/Vice President Chamber of Commerce - Noble Chamber of Commerce and Little Axe Chamber of Commerce
ASEDA Chairman of the Board –

Worked with Executive Committee 2007-2008

Real Estate Broker/Consultant – Currently independent real estate broker consultant with Metro Brokers of Oklahoma

My goal as your elected Secretary is to effectively and efficiently manage and grow revenue opportunities for the AST and the casino operations, while taking advantage of as many grant opportunities as possible. I feel my business and statistical analysis background will be an asset in helping to guide tribal endeavors. My past work history provides a strong foundation of business experience that can be used to benefit the tribe.

From my work experiences, I've learned that a diverse group of people working together can bring far greater rewards than anything one person can accomplish alone. I believe that for the Executive Committee to be its' most effective, you need the following:

- 1.Diverse group of individuals, both male and female, with differing opinions*
- 2.People who are fair and honest*
- 3.Willing to work as a team*
- 4.Level headed and logical thinking (Common Sense Approach)*
- 5.Experienced in business because they will need to be able to make responsible business decisions and be able to represent the tribe in business dealings*

I believe I can make a positive contribution in each of these areas and I hope that you will vote for me on June 18th.

*Respectfully,
Teri Reed – Candidate for Secretary*

Please share your comments or suggestions with me at: email@terireed.net, Facebook, (405) 417-1849



Absentee Shawnee Tribal Elders Council



Cordially invites you to the
1st Annual Inaugural Ball
June 30, 2011
7 p.m. - Midnite

Thunderbird Casino
15700 E. State Highway 9
Norman, OK 73026

Dressy casual

Music Provided by: Isaac Gibson's Back Roads Band featuring Jeff Gibson
Additional attraction featuring Gary Gibson

Advance reservation

\$10 per person, \$15 per couple,

\$12 per person at the door

Refreshments will be served

Cash Bar Provided

(The ball honors all newly-elected officials)

Make check payable to:

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Elders Council
PO Box 1277
Noble, OK 73068 -1277

Advance Reservation

\$10 per person, \$15 per couple

\$12 per person at the door

Payment must accompany response form.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

_____ Tickets @ \$10.00 per person

_____ Tickets @ \$15.00 per couple

Amount Enclosed: _____

Reservations due by:
June 20, 2011



AST VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The AST Veterans Association held their monthly meeting at Thunderbird Casino on Wednesday, April 13th.

Among the subjects talked about were: The Tribal color guards participation in:

- General Council meeting on Saturday, April 16th, where they will post the colors to start the meeting
- The posting and retiring of the colors at the Tecumseh High School Native American Club Pow Wow. The event will be held at THS Football Field [901 North 13th Street, Tecumseh, OK] on Saturday, April 23rd.
- The Grand Re-opening of Horseshoe Bend, in Johnson Community, north of Shawnee. The CG will raise the flags before the ceremony, in front of the facility. The guard will also post the colors and retire the colors to begin and end the event.
- The group will also participate in the upcoming the annual Red Earth Parade on Friday, June 3rd which will take place near Bricktown in Downtown Oklahoma City.
- The 1st City of Norman Veteran's Day parade on Friday, November 11th.

New vests were issued to members of the color guard. The new vests display a new take on the Tribal emblem, designed specifically for the veterans group by Tribal member Darrell Larney. Association members unanimously voted to keep the emblem, on the back of the vests, plain with no alterations allowed.

The next Veterans meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13th, at Thunderbird. The meeting will begin at 7PM with a pot-luck dinner to follow.

The Tribal Veterans Association meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Thunderbird Casino, 15700 E. Highway 9, Norman, OK. If you would like more information about the Tribal Veterans Association or to schedule the color guard -for an event or a Military Funeral Honor- call John Vanderburg, Administrations Officer, at (405) 481-3822.

Update:

The April 23rd Tecumseh High School Native American Club Pow Wow was held at the Tecumseh Basketball Arena because of heavy rain and thunderstorms. The Color Guard posted and retired the flags while sporting their new green vests.

The Pow Wow Committee presented the Color Guard with two grocery baskets, a Pendleton blanket, a shawl and a case of water.

In attendance, at the pow wow, was a woman by the name of Eugenia Lena and her 3 children. The family had recently lost their home due to a fire. Pow wow officials honored them with a blanket dance- to encourage people to help out the four. Members of the color guard, contributing donations and donating the two grocery baskets they had received earlier that night.

May's Tribal Veterans meeting was called to order, by Commander Walter Larney at approximately 1905 hours. The Pledge and Creed were led by First Sergeant David Little and the invocation by Chaplain Don Schulenberg.

Ewell Longhorn, thanked the group, on behalf of the White Turkey Band, for the Color Guard raising the colors, posting the colors and retiring the colors at the Grand re-opening of

Horseshoe Bend.

New Business:

- The group decided a special khaki pant would be added to the color guard uniform, as opposed to the original idea of wearing the dress blue pants.
- The association has decided to use funds accumulated from the "coffee can" account to purchase a new, much needed laptop computer.
- June's meeting will be the final opportunity for veterans interested in becoming "Charter" members of the Tribe's upcoming American Legion post. Other veterans may join after June's deadline but will not hold the status of Charter members.

Old Business:

- The group is still searching for name for the upcoming Tribal American Legion Post. The name must be that of a deceased veteran who fought in a major war and was highly decorated.
- The Tribal Veterans Association will participate in the upcoming Red Earth Parade on Friday, June 3rd, in Downtown Oklahoma City. The parade will begin at 10AM.

The next AST Veterans Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8th at Thunderbird Casino. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7PM.

**Diabetes & Wellness /
REACH U. S.
Health & Prevention Programs
In Honor of Employee Health & Fitness Month**



Although most people are aware that exercise is good for your health, for many people the most strenuous exercise they get is climbing a flight of stairs at the end of the day. The list of excuses people give for not exercising is seemingly endless. They say they are not athletically inclined, that work takes up all their time, they're too tired, overweight or out of condition. In fact though, exercise is accessible to everyone, and it doesn't need to take much time. Just keep moving in any way throughout the day. Here is just a reminder what exercise can do for you and your health. Regular Exercise can benefit your health in so many ways besides losing unwanted pounds, it also helps strengthen your muscles, bones, and increase endurance that can help you reduce the risk of injury and illness. Exercise also helps your lungs take in more oxygen, lowers heart rate, cholesterol, blood pressure which reduces risk of heart attacks, strokes, and it can help prevent or help manage type I & II Diabetes. Exercise can also help improve your self esteem, skin, digestive system, circulation and reduce risk of hardening of the arteries. Exercise reduces stress and also helps your quality of sleep. These reasons alone should be enough to start wanting to put yourself first and start making small steps towards being a better you with a better life. The Diabetes and REACH US Programs had several events at both wellness facilities in April focused on physical activity which included an Easter Hop walk, completed the employee 5 on 5 basketball challenge and sponsored two teams in the OIHC golf scramble.



Is Your Diabetes Care Up To Date?



Diabetes & Wellness Program Booth during General Council focused on "Are you up to Date on Your Diabetes Care" Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE and Chrissy Wiens educated all persons who came by about the importance of receiving your annual screenings, knowing your numbers and the importance of nutrition and physical activity for good diabetes control. The Diabetes Program has implemented case management services to help persons diagnosed with diabetes get the care they need. ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE ON YOUR DIABETES CARE? Please call 405-878-4702 or 405-360-0698 to schedule an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you and providing you with the services you need!!!!

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In Oklahoma there are an estimated 650,000 adult smokers of commercial tobacco. Promoting and supporting a tobacco-free worksite is more than just good business sense – it's a noble cause. It says a lot about your commitment to your employees and patients.

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SLOTS STILL AVAILABLE!!!!!!**





Happy Birthday Arlene!!
From your AST Clan

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

To our Dad
SHAWN BYERS
We love you very much!
Your Boys
Sebastian & Christians

Happy Fathers Day
to my pawpaw
Marvin Smith
Love
Ryder

Happy 18th Birthday
& High School Graduation
Samuel Byers
We are very proud of you!
Aunt Sherry, Uncle Shawn &
families

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Lindsey & Nolan
Love, Marvin & Sherry

Happy Birthday Rae-Ray!!!
Love Sister!!

Happy Birthday!
"Darren Shields"
June 20th
Love,
Mom & Dad and rest of
the family

Happy Fathers Day
Shannon, Shawn & John
From
Sherry

Happy 6th Birthday DJ!!
Love you very much
little big man!!
momma, daddy, sister,
grandma, and papa

HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO:

Roy Gene, Gary, Everett,
Corey, Todd, Leonard, Sid, Chubs,
Clay, Eli, Kevin, Manual & Landon
We love you guys!

Anderson, Jeffery Eugene
Arms, Eva Nikkole
Armstrong, Bobby Joe
Arns, Helen Marie
Atabaigi, Victor Arman
Atchico, Kevin Todd
Atwood, Cynthia Ruth
Atwood, Dalana Ann
Barnett, Susan Renee
Bates, Darwin Lee
Bates, Edwin Gale
Bates, Horace Ray
Bates, Leah Daphne Ann
Beach, Madison Sue
Bear, Wally Eugene
Bell, Patsy Marie Rolette
Bettelyoun, Lester John
Bigpond, Michael Ray
Blackburn, Brittney Renee
Blackburn, Nicole Ann
Blackburn, Reba Gayle
Blanchard, Frances May
Blanchard, Joshua Darand
Blanchard, Linda Sue
Blanchard, Mark Leeroy
Blanchard, Ryan Lee
Blanchard, Trinity Morgan
Blewater, Marty
Bonham, Megan Louise
Bradley, Megan Nicholle
Brewer, Zelda Sue
Brokeshoulder, Gerald C.
Brown, Jearldean Louise
Brown, Shedrick Tremain
Brunson, Michelle Denise
Bryant #173529, Christopher
Michael
Bui, Robert Dao
Bullard, Carolyn Sue
Burgess, Anthony Wayne
Burris, Joyce Ann
Byers, Samuel Ezra
Chapline, Annabelle Rene'
Charley Jr., Eugene R
Charley, Shawna Tracy
Chasteen, Patricia Marie
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Ciulla, Casimer James
Clark, Christian Eugene
Clark, Mary Esther
Clem, Sherry Michelle

Cobell, Miranda Pauline
Cochrane, Arthur Kent
Coddington, Kevin Dwayne
Coddington, Michael William
Coddington, Nicole Chenoa
Coffee, Bradlee Roy
Combs, Regina Mae
Corpus, Alyce Karen
Creek, Allison Jaine
Creek, Shelia Maria
Cruz-Larney, Leonardo
Davis, Gary Brent
Davis, Jeremy Ray
Deer, Brayden Nathaniel
Deer, Channa Racyne
Delodge Jr., Dwight Lee
DeLodge, Tiger Kaseca
Dibler, Jimmy Floyd
Dodds, Audrey Scroggins
Douglass, Catalyna Jade
Dunford, Dustin Everett
Eason, Gemini E'lane
Ekk, Joyce Lynn Gant
Ellis Jr., Paul Samuel
Ellis, Joshua Lee
Felton, Beverly Ann
Finley, Charles Christopher
Fixico, Kyeanna Rochelle
Flippen, Gale
Foreman, Lisa Ann
Frazier, Lisa Deanne
Fritsch, Cheryl D. Sloat
Gant, Phillip Monroe
Garcia, Jennifer Gail
Garfield, Doreecesha La
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Garretson, Sandra Jean
Gibson Sr., Isaac
Gibson, Bryan Scott
Gibson, Kyle Wayne
Gibson, Lourie Ann
Gonzalez, Kacey Lynn
Grass, Gregory Ryan
Grass, Skylur Dain
Guthrie, William Thomas
Harjo, Samantha MacHel
Harjo, Viola Harjo
Harjoe, Theodore Mose
Harris, Rebecca Rose Lillie
Harvey, Rowena Gail
Herrera, Arlene June

Herrera, Jose Alfredo
Hibdon, Kylee Brooke
Hill, Ryan Warren
Hood, Flora Jean
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Irvin, Darlene Gosney
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Johnson, Bryan Austin
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Johnson, John Raymond
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Kickapoo, Brandy Jo
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Kilmer Jr, Gregory Keith
Kilmer, Michael Houston
Kinley, Taylor Jordan
Koontz, Susan Kay
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Larney, Harriet Lee
Leitka, MacKlyn Chappell
Lewis, Mariah Nicole
Lewis, Mark Stephen
Lewis, Skylar Dean Cooksey
Lime, Andrew Barry
Little Axe, Arianna Danielle
Little Axe, Claude Tyner
Little Axe, Lisa Annette
Little Charley, Virgil Ray
Little Creek, Calvin Dale
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Littlebear, Marquitta Annette
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Littlecreek, Christopher
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Longhorn, Darrell Eugene
Longman, Andrea Kay
Low, Sadie L. Spybuck

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 Mack, Kevin Lee
 Mahardy, Bradley Gene
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 McGuire, Kelsey Nicole
 McMahan, Camdyn Rae
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 Michaelson, Carol Sue
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 Michaelson, James Ross
 Mitchell, Trevor Micah David
 Montgomery, Richard Henry
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 Morgan, Billy Joe
 Morgan, Twila Marshella
 Morton, Madison Skye
 Morton, Misty Lynn
 Morton, Rachel Raynell
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 Simpson, Raechel Rayann
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 Slayton, Sharon Virginia
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 Sloat, Lezlie Marie
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 Smith, Brian Keith
 Smith, Chandria Jean
 Smith, Scott Alan
 Smith, Shad Michael
 Snake Floyd, Janet Lynne
 Soap, Margaret Angela
 Spoon, Ashley Nicole
 Spoon, David Clayton
 Spriggs, Donald Ray
 Spybuck, Jason Evan
 Squire, Donald Ray
 Squire, Joseph Lynn
 Squire, Leroy Ricky
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 Tascier, Susan Wilkerson
 Temple, Ginger Lee
 Thorpe, Tyrone Guthrie
 Tiger, Emma Kay
 Tiger, Gerald
 Tiger, Kwinten Danyl
 Tiger, Michael Wayne
 Tiger, Nancy Rae
 Tiger, Riley Eugene
 Tiger-Onzawah, Preston
 Zachary
 Tilley, Nolan Grant
 Tolbert, Janis Lavinne
 Wahpepah, Pauline White

Walley, Lowana Gale
 Warrior, Andrew Keith
 Warrior, Luana Christie
 Warrior, Lydia Rose
 Washington Sr., Algene
 Washington, Karen Rose
 Watkins, Fawn Lil'grass
 Watkins, Freddie Lee
 Watson Jr., Gregory Doyle
 Watson, Darrell Dean
 Watson, Katie Jean
 Webb, Raven James
 White, Xander Ralph
 Whitney-Coon, Davin Zane
 Whitten, David J. J. Thomas
 Wietelman, Ebaney Bionca
 Lynn
 Williams, Ethan Beau
 Williams, James Robert
 Williams, Kimberly Marie
 Wilson, Adilynn Magnolia
 Wilson, Hannah Mae
 Wilson, James Leon
 Wilson, Marvin Edward
 Wilson, Michele Renee
 Wilson, Shi Ann Delarae
 Wilson, Wesley Sheldon
 Winegar, Juanita Jean
 Winter-Engrav, Katherine
 Dorene
 Witt, Jacob Matthew
 Wolfe, Richard Ray
 Wright, Shane Allen
 Yeahpau, Eden Dione

CONGRATULATIONS



Tribal member nominated for "Student of Excellence Award"

Tribal member, Susan Nicole Olivia White, daughter of Charles D. & Paige White, granddaughter of Charles D. and Lorene E. White, a senior at Tulsa Edison Preparatory High School has been nominated to represent her school as this year's American Indian Senior for the "Student of Excellence" recognition from the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission. The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission recognizes one graduating senior from each of the nine Tulsa Public Schools. Susan will be awarded this recognition on Monday, May 23, 2011.

Susan has four older brothers and one younger brother. She is an honor student and has played Varsity Softball as a pitcher/outfielder all four years at Edison Preparatory. Susan plans to begin her college career at Tulsa Community College concentrating on nursing, eventually attaining a degree as an OB/GYN nurse or midwife. She enjoys horse-back riding and her large family. Susan also has three sisters-in-law,

THANK YOU

A belated thank you from the family of David Kaseca.

We would like to thank all the relatives and friends who made it easier with their help and support during this difficult time. A special thank you to Governor George Blanchard and Sue; Wynona Coon and staff plus the maintenance staff who came out on a cold morning.

three nephews and two nieces, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins!

The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission consists of eight individual members and 15 member organizations. Individual members shall be of American Indian ancestry. The organization's primary mission is the advancement of American Indian culture and heritage and/or the provision of services to American Indians.

Congratulations, Susan!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Johnnie Mae Bettleyoun
April 2011

She is a very hard worker, dedicated, friendly to everyone, and we can depend on her to make sure our Elders receive their meals. We believe she doesn't get thanked enough for all she does. She is always willing to help anyone and serve as a positive example. She is an Elder herself and has been with the Tribe for years. We appreciate all she does, her professionalism and kind words she has for everyone. Not to mention all the delicious food she prepares on a daily basis for the Elders and Tribal members.

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Months of the year in Shawnee language
As told to George Blanchard by his Elders:

January	hi qe ke se fe wa	severe month
February	se ke pi we ke se fe wa	sap month
March	po se qe ke se fe wa	half-way month to Summer
April	ke te ki we ke se fe wa	planting month
May	me ni ke se fe wa	blackberry month
June	po ki mi we ke se fe wa	plum month
July	li we pa li we ke se fe wa	mid-summer month
August	ke ne we ke se fe wa	long month
September	hi si me ni ke se fe wa	paw-paw month
October	si ta we ke se fe wa	wilted-leaves month
November	pe sa ke fe ke se fe wa	deer month
December	pa po ne ke se fe wa	winter month

Promoting Safe and Stable Families is always looking out for the safety and well being of our families and felt these selected tips were best beneficial for your summer safety.

Upon Heading Out the Door

- Lather everyone up with sunscreen. For your preschooler, choose a product designed for children that has an SPF of at least 30 and make sure it is designed to protect against both UVA and UVB rays.
- Make sure everyone is wearing appropriate clothing -- light colored, nothing too heavy and OK for the activity that is planned (you don't want your daughter in a strappy sundress and dress sandals if she'll be running around at the playground).

In Your Yard

If you have a pool and it isn't surrounded by a fence that locks, consider investing in one immediately, fence should be four-sided with a gate that is self-closing and self-locking. The goal is to have a separate pool/pond/standing water area so a child can't walk out the door or into your yard and right into the pool.

- No child should be in the water unless there is an adult on hand, even if your child knows how to swim or is wearing a floatation device.
- Make sure any outdoor containers that you have -- sheds, storage bins, trash cans, even the trunk of your car -- are closed and locked. As kids run and play outside, it can be tempting to hide in one of these types of places, but they can get hot very quickly. In only seconds a child can be trapped inside, leading to a potential tragedy.

In the Car

- Most important: Never leave a child alone in the car. Aside from abduction dangers, in the summertime, car temperatures can soar very quickly -- even if the temperature isn't ridiculously hot. Even with the windows down, a car can get very warm, very fast. Best bet, take your child with you, even if you are going into a store just for a minute.

At the Playground/Home Swing Set

- Check out the equipment. Is everything anchored properly? Is the set in good shape? Look for sharp edges and open-ended hooks on swings. Make sure the surface that kids will be running (and possibly falling) on is cushioned -- common types include rubber mats, wood chips and sand. Touch everything. Is it too hot for bare skin to touch?



The Price of An Accident is Always High.

- Proper use of child restraints nationwide during the past 30 years has saved the lives of 8,325 children under the age of 5.
- Make elder homes safer by reducing tripping hazards, adding grab bars and railings, and improving the lighting in their homes.
- Offer elders an alternative to being prisoners in their own home; Tai Chi offers muscle strength, improved balance, and increased mobility.
- Buckle up not only because it's the law, but it's your life.

AST IP Offers:

- Car Seat Safety

Assessments/ Replacements

- Home Safety Assessments for

Elders

- Tai Chi Classes for Elders to

improve muscle strength,

balance, and mobility

- Free Defensive Driving Course

with the AST Police Department



Safety matters

Contact AST Injury Prevention Program for available services to Native Americans in our community!



CURRENT JOB POSTINGS AS OF MAY 5, 2011

GAMING COMMISSION

- Surveillance Director
- Compliance Officer
- Surveillance Operator

COURT/LEGAL/POLICE

- Supreme Court Tribal Judge

BUILDING BLOCKS

- Floater

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- PT Victim Advocate

HEALTH

- Staff Physician – Shawnee Clinic
- Director of Pharmacy Services
- Software Engineer III
- Counselor/Therapist
- LPN (2)

PROCUREMENT

- Procurement Officer

TERO

- Landscape/Maintenance

LITTLE AXE SMOKESHOP

- Deli cook



Job descriptions will be available online:
<http://www.astribe.com/Employment.html>

If you have any questions about the job positions and their job descriptions you can also contact Briana Ponkilla or Tricia Dietrich in the Human Resource Department at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at: (405) 275-4030.



2% milk served daily

menu subject to change

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Happy Father's Day

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Manwich Tator Tots Cookie Orange	Pork Chop Broc & Cauli Bread Applecrisp	Beef Fingers Mashed Pot./Gravy Asparagus Pears	Lasagna Garlic Bread Greenbeans Salad Bar*	Cereal Toast Boiled Eggs Fruit	Biscuit Gravy Sausage Links Juice
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Tamales Refried beans Spanish Rice Tossed Salad*	BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Pot. Salad Pineapples	Pinto Beans w/ Ham Curly Fries Cornbread Cake	Hot Ham N Chez Chips Mixed Veggies Applesauce	Biscuit Bacon Scrambled Eggs Juice	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Pickle/Onion Chips Mand. Oranges	Chef Salad w Chicken Strips Crackers Yogurt	Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot./Gravy Veggies Cookie	Enchilda Casserole Mexi-corn Chips Salsa Cinnamon Roll	Waffles Sausage Patties Juice/Milk	
26	27	28	29	30		
	Chicken Salad Sandwich Lett, Tom & Onion Mac. Salad Apricots	Spaghetti w/Meatballs Greenbeans Tossed Salad* Bread Stick	Roast Red Pot Carrots Roll/Peaches	Fish Coleslaw Hushuppies Pie		

NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL AND LET US
KNOW AT 405-275-4030 EXT 169 OR NOTIFY
YOUR DRIVER
LUNCH SERVED

MON-THUR. 11AM TO 1PM

BREAKFAST FRIDAY'S 9AM TO 11AM

Salad Bar Served at Congregate Meal Sites Only

Happy Father's Day

2011

Title VI News

Father's Day is on the 19th!!!

We will go to Thunderbird Casino on June 2, 2011!!!!

June 14th is Flag Day

Homebound please call in if your not going to be home, this will help us save on delivery time and with the weather get warmer it will help our drivers from being out in the hot weather while waiting for someone to answer the door. Those of you that have ice chest please try to provide a why to keep your food and drinks from getting to the point of spoilage. The Title VI Staff would like to thank you for your cooperation.

Drink plenty of water and keep cool!!!!

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at 405-275-4030 ext. 169

Foster Parents Needed!!!

Can you open your home and heart for a foster child? Foster parents provide a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. Foster parents are partners with child welfare workers, lawyers and judges. It is not for everyone but if you have it in your heart - we need you.

- Can you love and care for a child who comes from a difficult background?
- Can you help a child develop a sense of belonging?
- Are you secure in yourself & your parenting Skills?
- Can you maintain a positive attitude toward a child's parents?
- Can you love with all your heart & then let go?

FOSTER PARENTS PROVIDE A TEMPORARY, SAFE HOME FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS. THEY ARE PARTNERS WITH WORKERS, LAWYERS, AND JUDGES. IT IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! CAN YOU OPEN YOUR HOME AND HEART FOR A FOSTER CHILD?

Many children need a loving home and a family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about it and talk with your family before you become a foster home. They all need safe, supportive environments!

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact Melissa Lopez
405-275-4030 ext. 166.



RANDY EDGE
TERO DIRECTOR

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
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Phone 405.275.4030 ext.135
Cell 405.432.9859

Are you out of work? Do you need a job? Come see AST TERO Randy Edge TERO Director for potential jobs in connection with the new AST casino being built in front of the tribal headquarters. Need folks for housekeeping, maintenance, security, player's club, gaming techs, and servers. Come by TERO and fill out a TERO application, please bring picture photo ID, social security card, CDIB, and resume. We can help you prepare for that next job.



AST COUNTRY KITCHEN

Sunday - 7am to 7pm
Monday - 7am to 3pm
Tuesday - 7am to 3pm
Wednesday - 7am to 8pm
Thursday - 7am to 8pm
Friday - 7am to 9pm
Saturday - 7am to 9pm

Early Bird Breakfast

\$4.99

2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash
Browns

Biscuits & Gravy or Toast & Coffee

(Not valid on Saturday or Sunday. 1 coupon
per customer. With coupon.
No substitutions)



**Check out our
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**Something
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every day!**

Open 7 Days A Week!

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(In Front of Thunderbird Entertainment Center Next
to AST Smoke Shop)



**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE
TRIBAL MEMBERS**
WE HAVE A PROMOTION JUST FOR YOU



**EVERY WEEK RECEIVE
\$10 FREE SLOT PLAY**

Just show your
Absentee Shawnee
Tribal CDIB Card,
to take advantage
of the offer.

See Player's Club Desk
for complete details

Management reserves the right to change or alter any promotion.

PHARMACY NEWS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. *The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.*
2. *The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.*

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✓ *Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.*
- ✓ *Keep us informed of all changes in address, phone number and other contact information.*
- ✓ *Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.*
- ✓ *If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs.*
- ✓ *Please provide the prescription number that is listed above your name on the prescription bottle.*

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

• Tribal Housing Improvements Application

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

• Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: www.astribe.com.
Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

**If you'd like to submit an ad or
article give us a call at
(405) 275-4030 ext. 146 or
send us an e-mail at
mediadept@astribe.com**

**ALL ARTICLES WILL BE
SUBMITTED AS
RECEIVED.**



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Little Axe Clinic • Little Axe Dental Clinic
15702 E. Hwy 9
Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

Clinic Operating Hours
Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Weekends/Federal Holidays Closed

*** Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed
the 3rd Wednesday of each month
from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m**



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OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
2025 S. GORDON COOPER DR.
SHAWNEE, OK 74801

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Shawnee, OK 74801

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

2011 TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Little Axe Dental	(405) 307-9704
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
Behavioral Health	(405) 878-4716
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
OEI/OEP	(405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Tribal Grocery & SmokeShop Little Axe	(405) 364-0668
AST Country Kitchen	(405) 366-7220
AST Smokeshop in Harrah	(405) 454-0055